

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Petay et al.	Confirmation No.:	1635
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For:	IMMUNOMODULATORY PRODUCT OBTAINED FROM A BIFIDOBACTERIUM CULTURE AND COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THE SAME		

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Defective Response, dated April 22, 2008, which indicated a defect in the Sequence Listing, please replace the electronically filed listing filed on April 11, 2008 with the electronically filed sequence listing submitted electronically herewith via EFS-Web as an ASCII formatted sequence listing. The replacement sequence listing has a file named 301225seqlist.txt, was created on May 13, 2008, and has a size of 3KB. The sequence listing contained in this ASCII formatted document is part of the specification and is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

While the explanation of a "probe" in field <223> for SEQ ID NO: 6, 9 and 12 is a sufficient description to one of skill in the art to describe the recited artificial sequence, the field <223> identifiers for these SEQ ID NOs have been amended to now recite an "oligonucleotide probe." No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. **The amended sequence listing was run through the U.S. PTO Biosequence Checker program and no errors were found.** Accordingly, Applicants submit that the enclosed sequence listing complies with the rules outlined in 37 C.F.R. 1.823.

Respectfully submitted,

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